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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.192

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **July 9, 2004** finally rejecting claims **1-20** of the above-identified patent application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

	Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
	Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as :
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10, 2005 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two months (per MPEP 706.07(f)).

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